

**REMARKS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Claims 1-16 and 22-29 have been previously allowed. Claim 30 has been added and claims 11-16 and 22-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Proper support for new claim 30 can be found in the specification, at least at paragraphs [0004] and [0026]. Claims 1-10 and 30 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is being presented.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not show the feature of "a controller arranged to control the optical pickup to reproduce information regarding the information storage medium from the burst cutting area, wherein the information regarding the information storage medium comprises tracking polarity information," as recited by claim 30. Accordingly, claim 30 is patentable for at least this reason. Approval and entry of the amendments are therefore respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.


If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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